

FACT SHEET



Hastings Ground Water Contamination Superfund Site, Hastings, Nebraska

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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducts regular checkups, called five-year reviews, on certain Superfund sites. EPA, Region 7, has initiated its second five-year review of the Hastings Ground Water Contamination Superfund Site. The site is in Hastings, Nebraska.

EPA is conducting the five-year review to ensure that the remedies selected and implemented continue to protect people and the environment.

BACKGROUND

EPA began investigating sources of ground water contamination in the Hastings area in 1984 after high levels of contaminants were found in three municipal wells, used to supply drinking water to the public. The contamination occurred primarily as a result of releases of hazardous substances from a former coal gasification plant, solvents from local industries, and grain fumigants from grain storage facilities. In 1986, the site was placed on the National Priorities List, a list of sites in the nation eligible for investigation and remediation under the Superfund Program.

The Hastings Ground Water Contamination site covers the central industrial area of the city of Hastings and areas outside the city limits. The site has been divided into seven (7) subsites (or geographic identifiers) The subsites are: Far-Mar-Co, North Landfill, Second Street, Colorado Avenue, Well Number 3, South Landfill, and the Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD). The NAD is being addressed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

EPA is coordinating multiple response actions at the Hastings site. The actions taken or planned serve to reduce contamination at each of the subsites so that the ground water meets the federal safe drinking water standards.

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY SESSION

EPA will hold an Availability Session on the Hastings Ground Water Contamination site. The session will be held:

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Hastings Public Library

517 West 4th Street

Hastings, Nebraska

EPA will be at the session to discuss site response actions conducted to date and next steps.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Site-related documents provide details of the nature and extent of contamination at the site. These documents are part of the Administrative Record and are available at the following locations:

Hastings Public Library
517 West 4th Street
Hastings, Nebraska 68901

EPA, Region 7
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

During this review, EPA will be evaluating site conditions to ensure that measures in place continue to protect human health and the environment. We also encourage community members to share comments or concerns with us.

If you have questions about the upcoming Availability Session, this Fact Sheet, the Five-Year Review process or any additional information about this site, please contact:

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